

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 940

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Tim Burchett for his remarkable service to the General Assembly and to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those fellow members who during their remarkable tenures as public servants have carried out their responsibilities with unparalleled dedication; and

WHEREAS, Representative Tim Burchett has had a magnificent career on Capitol Hill in his four years as a member of the House of Representatives; his tenure as representative will regretfully come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1998 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly, as he has decided to seek election to the Tennessee Senate; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Representative Burchett graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, during his proficient tenure as a member, Tim Burchett sponsored and supported legislation to benefit all Tennesseans, including a bill to raise the speed limit, which was signed into law by Governor Sundquist shortly after passage; and

WHEREAS, Representative Burchett has represented the citizens of Knox County with a firmness of conviction and strict adherence to duty; and

WHEREAS, ever mindful of his responsibility to the community he represents, Tim has made many significant contributions to Knoxville as a member of the Chamber of Commerce,

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the West Knoxville Republican Club, the Young Republicans, the Knoxville Solicitations Board, and the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center, of which he served with distinction as ex officio trustee; and

WHEREAS, Tim's own frustration led to legislation that neutered dogs; he was heard saying, "If I can't do it, neither should they"; he is notorious for asking for "taters and fives"; and

WHEREAS, the first person to ask interns for dates and the tenth person to actually get them; he used his Mom and Dad to pass his legislation, and after raising the speed limit to 70 miles per hour he still exceeds it, much to the chagrin of our good citizens traveling Interstate 40 between Knoxville and Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Tim has come to the difficult realization that his Senate campaign will have to do without TMA PAC money due to his desire to "let those who ride decide"; and

WHEREAS, he has served the good people of Knox County and the 18th legislative district with intelligence and integrity, and it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this noteworthy public servant should honor him and recognize his many contributions to the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this Body hereby pauses to honor and recognize Representative Tim Burchett for his meritorious service to this General Assembly and to the State of Tennessee and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Representative Burchett as a token of our esteem.